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Subject: URGENT: Congressional Letter: Oxitec EUP Concerns
Attachments: AL-21-000-0150_response2.docx; AL-21-000-0150.pdf

Hi Mike and Anne,

Please find the congressional letter regarding Oxitec attached. Eric's team and OGC have already reviewed. Alex needs to sign this by next Wednesday, so we are on a *very* tight timeline for this. If possible, please review by 4 p.m. today.

Best,

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Subject: RE: Congressional Letter: Oxitec EUP Concerns

Maya,

I believe I've addressed the issues at hand, let me know if there is anything else you need me to address. Thanks.

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Subject: RE: Congressional Letter: Oxitec EUP Concerns

Hi Eric,

I started formatting the letter and ran into some parts that confused me. Can you take a look at the document one last time to address my comments?

Thank you,

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Subject: FW: Congressional Letter: Oxitec EUP Concerns

Maya,

Mike is good with the responses to the questions. I'll delete the rest of the OGC comments quick and then you can take over to send to Anne and Mike for review of the entire response letter.

Thanks.

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Eric,

Looks good to me too. Nice job pulling all these pieces together and thanks to OGC for their timely input!

Mike M.

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Eric, that looks fine to me.

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Eric,

I see that you've incorporated this language into the SP document. It looks good to me (I just added a comma). I don't know if Chris or Stephanie have any other comments.

Thanks!

- Ben

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Chris,

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Eric,

Ben, Stephanie and I have all reviewed and provided comments/suggested edits to your draft responses. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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Ben and Stephanie,

ETB received a follow-up congressional inquiry regarding Oxitec (see PDF attachment), and has drafted responses to the questions (word document in sharepoint). We believe OGC needs to review and comment on our draft responses. When relevant, our draft answers are taken from the risk assessment and response to comment document and adapted to the questions at hand.

Right now our target for responding is EOD tomorrow, so if you could send me comments and edits between 12 and 2 pm tomorrow that would be appreciated, apologies in advance for the extremely short deadline. I've asked FEAD for some additional time for us to work on this response on Friday. I'm not sure if we will be accommodated there or not given that Alex wants to sign our response on 10/21.

Thanks.

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Hi Eric,

How are you doing? I hope your surgery went well and you're on the road to recovery.

We've received a CMS letter from Rep. Debbie Mucarsel-Powell of Florida's 26th District. She is expressing scientific concerns that constituents in her community share regarding the Oxitec application for an experimental use permit.

She has quite a few questions. I've created a SharePoint document—do you think you could loop in the appropriate people who could help us answer these? This letter needs to be signed by Alex on 10/21. Please work with your team to answer these by EOD 10/15.

Thank you,

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